

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Summary of Amendments

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 42-47 are added, whereby claims 18-35 and 37-47 will be pending, with claims 18, 26 and 33 being independent claims.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the present specification (see, e.g., page 10 with respect to the water content and the Examples, wherein the highest concentration of pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivative employed is 0.8 % by weight) and in the original claims.

Summary of Final Office Action and Advisory Action

Claims 18-32 and 36-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over MULLER and further in view of Peffly et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,997,886 (hereafter "PEFFLY").

Claims 26-32 and 36-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over MULLER and further in view of Flick, Cosmetic Additives, 1991 (hereafter "FLICK").

Claims 18-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over MULLER and further in view of Rollat et al., US 2003/0147834 (hereafter "ROLLAT").

Response to Office Action

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action/Advisory Action are again respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejections of previously submitted claims 18-35 and 37-41 the arguments set forth in the Appeal Brief filed November 25, 2008 and the Reply Brief filed April 22, 2009 are referred to. The corresponding remarks are expressly incorporated herein.

With respect to new dependent claims 42-47 submitted herewith, Applicants are unable to see that any of the documents relied upon by the Examiner teaches or suggests the combination of elements recited therein. These are additional reasons (i.e., in addition to the reasons set forth in the Appeal Brief and the Reply Brief) why none of MULLER, PEFFLY, FLICK and ROLLAT is able to render obvious the subject matter of new claims 42-47.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any issues yet remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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